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MEATS RESIGNS AS PRINCIPAL

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LAKELAND SCHOOL AFTER
JANUARY 15.**

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NEW ENGINEERING FIRM.

Mr. H. D. Mendenhall has resigned his position with Mr. C. G. Mendenhall and will in the future be associated with his father, Mr. G. D. Mendenhall in Civil Engineering, taking special interest in phosphate work, but doing all kinds of surveying, examinations, reports and general engineering work. These gentlemen have been in this county for a number of years and know the county and conditions thoroughly and are well equipped for everything in their line.

They have opened a handsome suite of offices in the Drane building, as per their card in the professional column.

CAN'T CUT HIS TRAVELING EXPENSES

**Democrats Who Seek to Eliminate
\$25,000 Appropriation Find
Constitution Prohibits.**

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—The House Democrats who contemplate eliminating the \$25,000 appropriation for the President's traveling expenses, have had called to their attention a clause in the constitution which prohibits increase or decrease in the President's competency during his term. The opponents to the plan to cut the appropriation say this is a stumbling block and can not be overcome.

BURNS WILL GO ON WITNESS STAND

**Believed That His Testimony Will
Lay Bare the Workings of the
Dynamiters.**

(By Associated Press.)
Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 2.—Detective W. J. Burns arrived to testify before the Federal grand jury in what is considered to be the final lap in the government's investigation of the alleged country-wide dynamiting plot. Burns said he thought he would collect \$20,000 in rewards for running down the McNamara and others supposed to be implicated. He intended, he said, to divide this sum among his assistants.

JACKSONVILLE PLEASED WITH BEVERLY OF GRAUSTARK.

Of Beverly of Graustark, which comes to Lakeland Friday night, the Times-Union has the following to say: "George Barr McCutcheon's romantic story, Beverly of Graustark, was presented at the Duval theater last night before a well pleased audience and will be given again today at a special matinee, beginning at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and tonight. The dramatic version used was written by Robert M. Baker and follows the lines of the book to a great extent, some slight changes having been made to bring the narrative into stage form. As is the case with all of the plays of this character a great deal depends upon the looks of the actors, the scenery and costumes, and Delamater & Norris have secured a strong company and staged the piece with full regard for artistic detail. The interesting tale has been read by almost everyone and interest is sustained to the very closing scene.

In the title part of Beverly Miss Dorothy Redding very acceptably fills the requirements of author and playwright and last night received several curtain calls. Mr. Lawrence, as Prince Danton, is clever and pleasing, and the work of Mr. Ellwood is also worthy of special mention. The four acts of the play are excellently staged and the costuming handsome and correct.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE TO BUTCHER PERSIANS

(By Associated Press.)
Tabriz, Persia, Jan. 2.—Sixteen Persians were executed by order of the Russian court martial, as a result of the recent attack on Russian troops. Trouble among the native population as a result is feared.

GIVES CHINA NEW CALENDAR

**CHINESE NEW YEAR WILL NOW
BEGIN SAME DAY AS OTHER
NATIONS.**

(By Associated Press.)
Nanking, China, Jan. 2.—Sun Yat Sen, president of the Chinese republic, entered the new capitol today, under the most auspicious circumstances. The populace greeted him as a delivery from Manchu rule and a true reformer.

His first official act was to change the calendar making New Year the first day of his Presidency, thus marking the commencement of a new era, making the Chinese year begin on the same day as in other countries. For centuries the Chinese New Year's Day has been January 30.

The new president took the oath of office in the presence of dignitaries, civil and military. He promised to disenthroned the Manchus, and devote his entire time to the welfare of people. He advocated a strong central government, with the provinces supreme in local affairs.

NEW TRAIN SCHEDULE.

Beginning tomorrow morning Passenger Train No. 80, leaving here at 11:45 will make connections at Chubb with the passenger train on the Bartow Branch, instead of the early train No. 84, which formerly has been carrying passengers for that road. This change is due to the fact that an additional train has been placed on the Bartow Branch, making three trains a day on that run. Train No. 85 will also connect at Chubb in the future.

SOMETHING TO LAKELAND.

The Ludden & Bates (of Jacksonville) Special Piano Sale, now on in the Drane Building, means something to Lakeland. The pioneer firm of the South. The home dealers who opened the piano business nearly forty years before many other dealers were born. The firm with the capital and reputation—best of all—with the goods, the price and the terms. Don't wait till the best bargains are gone.

MICHIGAN'S GOV. MAKES SUGGESTIONS

**Thinks Taft and LaFollette Should
Step Aside and Let Roosevelt or
Beveridge be Nominee.**

(By Associated Press.)
Lansing, Mich., Jan. 2.—That LaFollette and Taft withdraw from the race for nomination as president, in favor of Roosevelt or ex-Senator Beveridge, was advocated here today, in a speech prepared by Governor Charles E. S. Osborne, of Michigan, for delivery when he introduced LaFollette, who was scheduled to speak here. On account of a train mix-up, LaFollette and Osborne did not deliver the speech, but gave it out for publication.

LAKELAND'S HIGH SCHOOL'S NEW PRINCIPAL.

As announced in another column of this paper, Prof. W. N. Sheats has tendered his resignation as Principal of the Lakeland High School the same to take effect January 15th. Prof. Sheats is resigning in order that he may make a canvass of the State for School Superintendent.

Prof. Chas. M. Jones has been appointed by the School Board to the Principalship of the Lakeland school, and in their selection of this gentleman we feel the Board has made a very wise move. Prof. Jones is a man of superior intellect, has had wide experience in teaching, having been a college professor for a number of years, and is in every way eminently qualified for the position. He has already won the respect and admiration of pupils and patrons as Assistant Principal, and The Evening Telegram voices the opinion that patrons and teachers will be drawn close together and will be enabled to work in unison for the betterment and upbuilding of the school, when that institution is under the leadership of this able gentleman.

OUR POSTOFFICE FACILITIES POOR

**PRESENT QUARTERS WHOLLY
INADEQUATE TO NEEDS OF
THE CITY.**

That Lakeland has wholly outgrown her present post-office facilities is no longer a theory, but a stern, obtrusive reality, which hits amidst ships even the most unobservant.

For the past several days it has been impossible for the patrons of the office during certain hours to find standing room in the lobby, the line of those having business at the general delivery window has extended far out into the street. The office is utterly swamped for lack of space to accommodate the public and other facilities for the rapid distribution of mail matter.

A representative of The Evening Telegram asked Postmaster Skipper what could be done to relieve the situation. He replied that there was not much that could be done as long as the office remained in its present quarters. He expects to cut another stamp window, probably will hire more help, and generally expressed a desire to do whatever he could for the convenience of the public, but the office is hopelessly hampered as at present arranged.

Mr. Skipper further declares that the matter of location for the post-office is being held up by the post-office department. Inspectors visited Lakeland some months ago, but nothing definite has been ordered, and pending the receipt of advices from the department he is powerless to act. He says he is anxious to have better quarters, is willing to move as soon as the Government will designate a location, or, if the department should authorize him to furnish quarters under the usual lease arrangement, he declares he is ready to put up a suitable building on the present post-office site.

It seems to The Telegram that it is up to the citizens to make a vigorous effort to stimulate the proper authorities to immediate action, as present conditions in respect to postal facilities is a disgrace to a city of Lakeland's class, and an embarrassment and inconvenience to the public.

SECRETS OF THE MEAT TRUST

**Disclosed by Witnesses in Trial of
Chicago Packers Now
In Progress.**

Chicago, Jan. 2.—When the trial of the ten meat packers for criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law was continued, Henry Veeder, secretary of the pool in existence between 1893 and 1896, which the government declares fixed the price of fresh meat, continued the story of the inside workings of the alleged combination. Veeder was the second witness called, the first being his father, who is an attorney for several of the packing concerns. He is expected to be on the stand several days.

Forty cents a hundred pounds penalty was assessed against members of the old packers' pool who overshipped their allotment into any territory, and this amount was distributed among members discriminated against. This information regarding the workings of the pool of 1893 and 1896 given by Henry Veeder, its secretary, when he resumed the stand at the packers' trial.

ATTENTION R. A. MASONS.

A regular meeting of Lakeland Chapter, No. 29, R. A. M., on Thursday, January 4, 1912, 7:30 p. m. G. G. ARENDELL, Sec.

TEN PER CENT.

We will give you ten per cent. of every purchase beginning tomorrow, January 3, 1912, at 8 o'clock. Make ten per cent. this week by taking advantage of this offer. Take care of the pennies—they have a great deal of influence with the dollars. Marshall's 5 to 25c store.

REVIVAL NEXT WEEK.

Elder H. V. Skipper, State Evangelist of the Advent church, will arrive within a few days to begin a revival meeting next Monday in the Van Huss opera house. The meeting will probably continue two weeks, preaching being held twice each day at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Everybody cordially invited.

MAIN STREET PRIVATE SCHOOL TO OPEN JAN. 8.

Prof. E. C. Angell, Principal of the Main Street Private School announces that this institution will open for the spring term on Monday, January 8th. All students will be governed accordingly.

NEW YORK CITY GROWING BETTER

**However, There is Lots of Room for
Improvement, Percentage of
Homicides Being Large.**

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 2.—One death by violence thirty hours is the toll taken in New York City during 1911 by the criminal element. Greater New York had 257 homicides. The total, as compared with the population is not large, being smaller than most American cities.

One New Yorker out of every 18,550 met an untimely end. Generally speaking, the authorities believe that the statistics disclose improved conditions, and indicate that the city is growing better.

BOY HERO GIVES LIFE FOR SISTER

**Six-Year-Old Lad Burned to Death
in Effort to Save Four-Year-
Old Sister.**

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 2.—Louis Brown, a motherless boy of six, lost his life in a fire in an effort to save his four-year-old sister. The occupants of the tenement fled in panic, leaving the children. The children were found huddled under the bed, the boy having his coat wrapped around the little girl. The latter is seriously burned.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK FELT IN ILLINOIS.

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 2.—Olaft Tveitme, Anton Johannessen and J. E. Munsey, labor leaders indicted by Federal grand jury Saturday in connection with dynamiting, were arraigned this morning. They obtained a delay until January 12, before entering pleas.

THIRD DEGREE TOMORROW NIGHT

"The Third Degree" will be the offering at the Heron theater tomorrow night. Seldom is a play seen which has so keen an interest in current topics to the public as "The Third Degree." Charles Klein's psychological drama, and the author has shown his best work in the treatment of the story. The inner methods of the police workings of "The Third Degree" are revealed in a convincing manner.

LABOR LEADERS ARRAIGNED ON DYNAMITING CHARGE.

(By Associated Press.)
Rockford, Ills., Jan. 2.—A slight earthquake was felt at points in Illinois and Wisconsin this morning. No damage resulted.

LAUNDRY WORKERS STRIKE IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 2.—New York will have to wash its own shirt, buy a new one or go dirty. Some two thousand laundry workers struck this morning for increased pay and shorter hours.

TWO PRECINCTS FOR LAKELAND

**TWO VOTING DISTRICTS FORMED
FROM THE LAKELAND
PRECINCT.**

Evening Telegram Bureau, Bartow, Fla., Jan. 1.—Both the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Public Instruction were in session today. The business of the school board was finished, but the commissioners will meet again tomorrow to draw the names for the jury box for this year.

The matter of the petition for a special Road and Bridge district for Lakeland and vicinity will likely be disposed of tomorrow. The petition was not discussed formally today. We understand that the County Attorney, Hon. T. L. Wilson, will render an opinion for the Board tomorrow advising the members as to their duties in the premises. Some one brought up the petition today informally that the petition was irregular because all the petitioners are not voters in the Lakeland district, but instead that some of them are registered at Morse and at Auburndale, and that in case the election was called these voters could not participate in the election. What effect this consideration will have before the Board we are not advised.

The commissioners divided the Lakeland election voting district into two districts, to be known in the future as Lakeland Precinct No. 10, composed of the territory embraced in township 28, range 24, and as West Lakeland Precinct No. 25, composed of township 28, range 23. This action by the Board will be of considerable advantage to Lakeland. It will enable the same territory that formerly had only one member of the Executive Committee to have two in the future, and another advantage will be that the votes can be more conveniently cast and counted.

Messrs. Howard and Feagin, of Winter Haven region presented to the Board a petition to have the territory in and around Winter Haven constituted into a special Road and Bridge district. There are 89 names on this petition and the persons who presented it said that they would vouch for the fact that more than fifty per cent. of the registered freeholders of the proposed district are on the petition. The petition will be filed for one month before action is taken on it. Mr. Denham, with several others, presented a counter petition to this one upon which there are 94 names. So it may be seen that sentiment in that territory is somewhat divided.

STATE DEMOCRATIC COM- MITTEE WILL MEET JAN. 16

Politicians throughout the State are much interested in the coming meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee, which will meet in Jacksonville Tuesday, January 16, to determine the date for the Democratic primaries for the new year, and to transact such other business as may be presented.

The primary for Governor, Congress and various county offices will be set at this time, and the campaign will then be formally launched and candidates will get busy hunting votes.

Official Call.
The official call for the meeting here, which will convene in the parlors of the Aragon Hotel at noon on the date already mentioned, is issued by Chairman Will H. Price, of Marianna, and is as follows:

"The following of the Florida State Democratic Executive Committee are requested to convene in the parlors of the Aragon Hotel, at Jacksonville, Fla., on Tuesday, January 16, 1912, at 12 o'clock m. for the purpose of calling the Democratic primaries for the year 1912, and also for transacting such other business as may at that time come up before the committee.

"All members of the committee are urgently requested to be present.

"This, December 30, A. D. 1911."
George W. Fisher, of Deland, is secretary of the committee, and C. Fred Thompson, of Tampa, is treasurer.